

Open Space and Farmland Preservation in Salem County

Salem County is developing an **Open Space and Farmland Preservation Plan** to identify and prioritize the steps our County will be taking to preserve open space, protect our natural resources, and maintain agricultural land. As a part of this Plan, the County requests your input to help set priorities for open space and farmland preservation. Please provide your name and municipality after completing the survey below and return it before April 14, 2006 to:

Salem County Agriculture Development Board
51 Cheney Road, Suite 3, Woodstown, NJ 08098
FAX: (856) 769-3391

Using each number only once, rank the following initiatives from 1 to 15, with 1 being the highest priority and 15 being the lowest.

Open Space Initiative Survey	Rank (1-15)
Preservation of land for active recreation areas (such as playing fields and playgrounds).	
Preservation of land for the creation of a County Park System.	
Preservation of land to protect the Delaware River Bayshore habitat.	
Preservation of land for resource-based recreation (hiking, hunting, and fishing).	
Preservation of scenic vistas (overlooks, scenic byways).	
Preservation of land to create greenways to link recreation areas, trail corridors, natural areas and local neighborhoods.	
Preservation of forested lands.	
Preservation of farmland to preserve tillable land and prime agricultural soils.	
Preservation of farmland and open space to preserve the rural quality of life in the County.	
Preservation of land with historical value.	
Preservation of land for protection of, or access to, surface water (streams, lakes, wetlands).	
Preservation of land for the protection of ground water, including drinking water resources.	
Preservation of land to promote the County's Smart Growth Initiative.	
Preservation of land for wildlife and plant habitats.	
Other: _____	

The current County Dedicated Tax is set at two cents.

Would you support an increase in the Dedicated Tax from 2 cents to 3 cents? Yes ____ No ____

Would you support an increase in the Dedicated Tax above 3 cents? Yes ____ No ____

YOUR OPINIONS are important to us. Please give us your thoughts on open space and farmland preservation in the County:

Name: _____ Municipality: _____

I am (circle all that apply):

County Open Space Committee Member

County Environmental Commission Member

County Freeholder

County Planning Board Member

Municipal OSC Member

Municipal EC Member

Municipal Council Member

Municipal PB Member

Thank you for completing this survey. We encourage you to attend our County Open Space and Agriculture Development Committee meetings, which are held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Salem County Agriculture Complex, Ware Building, 51 Cheney Road in Woodstown.

We will be hosting public meetings on March 21st at the Elmer Grange and March 22nd at the Salem Community College Davidow Hall on the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Plan. Please join us at that time to discuss the Plan and our goals for land conservation in Salem County.

Paul Codella, Chairman, Salem County Open Space Committee
Andy Buzby, Chairman, Salem County Agriculture Development Board